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## Rail crossing safety improvements considered

BY SABEEN AHMAD  
Didsbury Review

Improvements to a CP rail crossing on the outskirts of Didsbury are being considered after concerns forced a safety review earlier this fall.

Town officials are investigating funding options for crossing illumination and an automated warning system at Mile 0.34 Shantz Subdivision and Range Road 2.0.

"We will be looking at putting forward an application early in the New Year," said Didsbury Mayor Brian Wittal. Numerous accidents, at least one death, and many near misses with trains have occurred at the crossing over the years.

The single-track crossing is presently only equipped with Standard Reflectorized Crossing Signs (SRCS).

According to a Transport Canada official, overall visibility at the crossing is a concern and its location in relation to another crossing and the landfill turnover poses issues.

"The close proximity of the Red Deer Subdivision crossing and the landfill site can result in driver confusion and distractions. Driver expectation and attentiveness can also be an issue because the Red Deer Subdivision crossing is equipped with a warning system and this crossing only has signs," noted Ralph Dooley, Transport Canada signal systems officer in a letter to the town.

In September, Didsbury and Mountain View County officials met with representatives from CP Rail and Transport Canada at the crossing site to conduct a safety review.

According to Dooley, the parties all agreed that as a result of many factors including high road speeds, type of road, and proximity, the installation of an automated warning system would be a further improvement to the level of safety at the crossing and should be considered.

According to the Transport Canada review, it was found that the CP crossing's surface was in poor condition and the railway would have it repaired.

This was the only responsibility the railway would have and any signs or lights put up would be the responsibility of the county or town.

Transport Canada will consider an application for funding for the trail illumination and the installation of an automated warning system under the Grade Crossing Improvement Program, according to Dooley.

Wittal said because the crossing lies in the area Didsbury is annexing from Mountain View County, the application would most likely be made by the town.

Wittal said he had been in discussions with suppliers to discuss the cost of safety signs and lights. Rough estimates peg the cost at around \$100,000.

"I am still going to talk with the county," Wittal said, adding he would like to see if the county would be willing to put some funding into the project.

Wittal explained that town officials had hoped to hear by the end of this year whether the annexation had been completed. "(But) the annexation doesn't limit us from putting in an application."

Wittal did stress, "everything has to meet rules, regulations and requirements" and that was the main priority.

**"The close proximity of the Red Deer Subdivision crossing and the landfill site can result in driver confusion and distractions."**

RALPH DOOLEY  
Transport Canada



This uncontrolled train crossing on RR 2.0, north of Didsbury, was the site of a safety review conducted by Mountain View County, The Town of Didsbury and Canadian Pacific Railway.

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### Saturday, Dec. 20

The Mountain View Colts will have the Airdrie Thunder as their opposition at 8 p.m. at the Didsbury Arena.

### Sunday, Dec. 21

The Banff Academy team will play against the Colts at 3 p.m. at the Didsbury Arena.

Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009  
The Rimbey Rock are the opposition for the Colts at 8 p.m. at the arena.

Saturday, Jan. 10  
Playing in the Didsbury Arena tonight at 8 p.m. will be the Okotoks Bisons.

Your support will be duly appreciated.

### Sunday, Dec. 21

The Stage West play "One Hit Wonder" is coming up on Jan. 21, 2009 but your money must be in today to Bea at (403) 335-3058. The bus will leave the Didsbury Memorial Complex at 10 a.m.

If you have some free time, your help will be duly appreciated at Zion Evangelical Church when the gift-wrapping will start at 7 p.m. Please bring scissors and leftover wrapping paper.

### Monday, Dec. 22

Help is also needed at 10 a.m. to assemble the food hampers for delivery after 12 p.m.

### Thursday, Dec. 25

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### Wednesday, Dec. 31

The Didsbury Elks are planning a gala evening for tonight starting with happy hour from 7 to 8 p.m. Then a musical comedy act, "Stratus", takes to the stage at 8 p.m. There will be party favours and midnight lunch. There is limited seating, so get your tickets early at S & J Embroidery, Gallery of Floors, or from any Elks member, or phone Bill, (403) 335-4655 or Don, (403) 335-4676.

A New Year's Eve gala is being held at Lone Pine Hall, starting at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails, supper at 7 p.m., and then the live band "Broken Heroes" will be on stage for the dance. Advance tickets only by phoning (403) 337-3491, (403) 337-2963 or (403) 335-9953.

This will be my last column till about mid January 2009. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas with family and friends and may the year 2009 fulfill all your wishes.

## Didsbury and District Community Bus

Please phone Bea at (403) 335-3058 for all the details. Please clip for future reference.

Wednesday, Jan. 21 - Stage West (money must be in by Dec. 21)

Wednesday, Jan. 28 - casino trip

Thursday, Feb. 5 - Bert Church Theatre, Airdrie

Wednesday, Feb. 25 - casino trip

March - watch paper for bookings

Wednesday, Mar. 25 - casino trip

## Theatre Didsbury dates for 2009

The following communities will have the new comedy "First Things First" on stage on the following dates. Please clip for future reference.

Saturday, Jan. 24

Torrington, Lions Club, Agnes Martin

(403) 631-2472

Saturday, Feb. 7

Gull Lake, Lincoln Society, Diane Thesen (403) 782-6451

Saturday, Feb. 14

Westcott Hall, Stuart Klinck, (403) 335-4069

The March and April schedule will come later.

# Life-saving device for bus

BY SABEEN AHMAD  
Didsbury Review

A life-saving device may soon be on board the Didsbury and District Community Bus.

The community bus association is raising funds for an automated external defibrillator to be installed on the bus for use in emergency situations.

"We just got word last week that the county would approve us funding for it," said Bea Niedersteiner, community bus trip co-coordinator.

Mountain View County has approved a \$1,000 contribution towards the purchase of an AED for the bus. Association officials say an exact cost for the device hasn't been determined as it depends on which model is chosen.

Mountain View County deputy reeve Kathy Blain expressed her support for the contribution, adding she felt it was for a great cause.

"I'd like to see the county make the effort to supply a little bit of funding towards this," said Blain. "What cost can you put on saving a life?"

Niedersteiner said that although there haven't been any

cardiac arrest incidents on the bus where the life-saving shocking device could have been used, she said she felt that it was better to be safe than sorry.

"We had a gentleman from the fire department come talk to us and he said that they (AEDs) are everywhere and they save lives," she said.

Niedersteiner said the bus is well used by a variety of groups.

"The bus is busy all the time with seniors, hockey teams...you name it...(there are) so many different people we transport, that was why we made the request for it."

AEDs are becoming more commonplace in public places, especially in Didsbury. Defibrillators are also located at the 5-0 Club and the arena.

Niedersteiner said the community bus drivers have taken safety courses and would be taking more once the defibrillator arrives.

"We have many courses and will have more courses available," she said adding that these safety courses would be available to the general public and more information would be made available when courses are confirmed.

## Nielson elected as CWB director

Olds-area farmer defeats opponent by 26 per cent of vote

BY PAUL FREY  
For the Review

Local farmer Jeff Nielson was elected to the board of directors of the Canadian Wheat Board for District 2 last week, defeating Oshon farmer Gerald Pilger.

"I'm very pleased and it's just a clear sign that producers in District 2 here once again reaffirmed their decision that they really support choice and want marketing freedom," he said.

Nielson will be working to ensure that the farmers have a choice in either marketing their products through the CWB or other methods.



JEFF NIELSON

"I'll be focused on working on the barley issue," Nielson said, noting that for the past several years barley producers have endorsed choice in marketing their product rather than the CWB monopoly. In June, a survey of farmers conducted by the CWB showed that 41 per cent of farmers want dual marketing choice in barley while a further 26 per cent want an open market.

"Producers are saying we need to have a stronger contractual relationship with our maltsters. If our barley is accepted we know well in advance what we can get for that barley. We're running major businesses here and we need to have all the strengths and all the tools in the toolbox...when we're dealing with this," he said.

Nielson defeated Pilger by roughly a 27 per cent margin, gaining 63 per cent of the 2,379 ballots that were cast.

Nielson runs a 1,350-acre canola, barely and wheat operation southeast of Olds.

Nielson replaces Innisfail-area farmer Jim Chatenay as the District 2 director. Chatenay had served the past 10 years as the District 2 representative.

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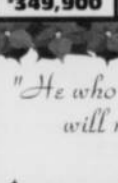
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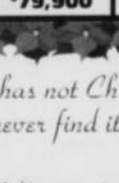
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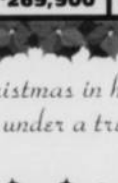
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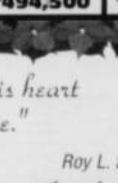
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Roy L. Smith





Mark Laycock/Didsbury Review

**WINDS CARRIED THE FLAMES** • Firefighters put out a blaze where a harvester off Hwy 2, north of Didsbury, caught on fire last Tuesday afternoon after winds switched direction and the flames from a burning barrel nearby spread to the harvester.

## Sentencing in dog abuse case expected this week

BY DAN SINGLETON  
For the Review

A Didsbury animal abuse case that has garnered international media attention and outraged animal rights activists for more than two years is scheduled to conclude this week with the sentencing of a second person in the case.

Daniel Charles Haskett, 21, pleaded guilty earlier to a charge of animal cruelty and obstruction of justice. He is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Ian Kirkpatrick on Dec. 17.

The case has seen numerous delays, including when the accused parted ways with his first lawyer and when he tried unsuccessfully to have the guilty pleas thrown out.

Haskett and a young offender were charged after a Lab-collie cross named Daisy Duke was found severely injured on a Didsbury street in October 2006.

The dog, which had been dragged behind a vehicle, suffered injuries that were so severe it had to be put down.

In an agreed statement of facts, Haskett admitted that he and a young offender decided to kill the dog, a Haskett family pet, after the young offender inadvertently ran it over with his car.

The pair admitted placing a plastic bag over the animal's head. When it resisted, they duct-taped its mouth and legs.

After the young offender struck the animal with a shovel, the pair agreed the young offender would drag the animal by the tow rope behind a car.

The animal's injuries included a fractured skull, pelvis, lumbar spine, severe abrasions, and profuse bleeding.

Prosecutor Gordon Haight says Haskett should be jailed for between three and five months, and prohibited from owning animals.

(Although the maximum sentence for animal cruelty is now five years imprisonment, the maximum at the time of the offence was six months).

He called Haskett's crime a "prolonged period of torture of the animal."

Defence lawyer Alan Pearce has called on Judge Kirkpatrick to impose a conditional sentence order, which would

**"I want to see  
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a jail term and  
mandatory  
counselling."**

TAMARA CHANEY  
animal activist

see the accused serve a jail sentence in the community.

Tamara Chaney - who spearheaded a 112,000 name animal rights petition in response to the Daisy Duke case, a petition that later went before the House of Commons - says Haskett should be jailed.

"I want to see (Haskett receive) a jail term and mandatory counselling," she said.

The young offender co-accused with Haskett earlier received two years probation and was ordered to complete 240 hours of community service after pleading guilty to related charges.

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# Opinion

## Commentary Drive sober

DAN SINGLETON

Central Alberta firefighters, police and EMS personnel aren't asking for much this Christmas season – only that drivers do the right thing and only get behind the wheel when they are sober.

As the very same people who have to put their own lives at risk to attend drunk driving accidents, these emergency workers deserve nothing less from each and every driver in this community.

While December is a time of festivities and celebrations, the provincial government has now given the month another, darker name: Impaired Driving Awareness Month.

As part of the month-long awareness campaign the province is reminding Albertans of the real life dangers of driving while impaired.

More than 110 Albertans were killed and 1,900 more injured in collisions due to impaired driving last year. Sadly, similar numbers are expected in 2008.

With 22 per cent of all fatal collisions involved impaired driving and an average of 7,700 people convicted of impaired driving in Alberta each year, the need for proactive prevention measures has never been greater.

And not only does drunk driving cause serious injury and death to drivers and passengers, it also imposes tremendous costs on society, including adding great and unnecessary financial burdens to the health care system, the legal system, insurance companies and the general public.

As they have in past years, law enforcement agents throughout Alberta will be cracking down on drunk drivers through enhanced Check Stop programs. And the message police are sending out in 2008 is simple in the extreme: If you drink and drive you are going to get caught.

The bottom line message that drivers should get this season is that those who choose to drink and drive face not only the potential of killing themselves and others, but they also face very serious legal, financial, and social consequences.

Thankfully with just a little common sense drunk-driving tragedies can be avoided and everyone can enjoy a happy holiday season. In this case, it really is easy to do the right thing.

When firefighters, EMS personnel and RCMP take the time this season to hold charity checkstops and other community support events they will be showing everyone the spirit that makes Christmas great.

Now it's up to drivers to give those same emergency personnel everything they deserve this season – and that means driving sober.

## Letter to the editor Merlin doing well

It has been three months already since Merlin, my dog, was struck by a car in front of my house and I'm happy to say that he is home in Didsbury. Many of you have been wondering how he is doing very well. We have visited the vet a few times since the surgery, who has been quite pleased with the results. Merlin is not limping and he uses his leg as any other dog would. Merlin's paw is a bit more sensitive to the changing temperature, but I bought him some mitts that he wears when he goes outside. We are currently in Ontario visiting my boyfriend, who has a golden retriever, Tanner. Merlin and Tanner love to play together in the snow. They really get along!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to the proceeds towards Merlin's surgery. Without you, it would not have been possible for me to keep him. I'm really glad to see him running, climbing stairs and even see him taking my socks for a walk in the house! It has always been one of his favourite games!

*Maude Laliberté  
Didsbury*



## Commentary Our bubble is about to burst

SCOTT HENNIG



We've had it pretty good in this province. In fact, very good.

We have the lowest overall taxes in Canada, including no sales tax, and as of January 1 – no health care premiums. We also have among the highest, if not the absolute highest paid teachers, doctors, nurses and other government employees. We have the highest funded health care system (although wait lists are about average) and school system in the entire country on a per capita basis.

As for infrastructure, Alberta outspends every other province in Canada. Alberta will spend \$8.8 billion this year on capital, compared to Ontario and their 13 million citizens who will spend \$7.5 billion.

Of course this advantage is thanks in very large part to the revenues received from oil and gas.

If you had to put a figure on it, you could say that Alberta has a \$215 billion advantage.

Or put another way: other provinces would need to have a \$215-billion Heritage Fund of their own, kicking out nearly \$10-billion in interest payments each year to live like Albertans.

Unfortunately, what this also means is that Albertans also need a \$215 billion Heritage Fund if we want to continue to spend like kings, while having the lowest

taxes in Canada.

This \$215 billion figure was recently revealed in a letter obtained by the National Post from the Alberta Financial Investment and Planning Advisory Commission (Mintz commission) to Alberta Finance Minister, Iris Evans.

The letter signed by all five members of the commission was sent to Minister Evans in June (five months after they wrote their final report), yet was never made public by the government.

It states: "the present value of the unfunded liability is estimated to be \$215 billion dollars (as of the year 2008). This implies the government today would need to hold net assets equal to \$215 billion if it were to maintain existing public services and the Alberta tax advantage into the future."

In less technical jargon it basically says: we're in deep trouble.

As of the end of September, the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund had a balance of \$15.8 billion. This means that we need to put roughly \$200 billion into that fund today if we want to continue the low tax, high spending good times tomorrow.

Unlike the recommendations of the Mintz commission report that suggests Alberta needs a \$100 billion Heritage Fund by 2030, the \$215 billion number is not politicized or rounded-off to give Albertans an easy to remember target.

\$215-billion is the real number we need, and it will continue to grow

each year because it is calculated in 2008 dollars.

Considering the Alberta government has had the Mintz report since January 2008 and this additional letter since June 2008, what have they been doing to address this very serious issue?

Next to nothing. In fact, less than nothing.

The recently released second quarter fiscal update not only cancelled all plans to put money into savings this year, but eliminated the pittance set aside to inflation proof the Heritage Fund. This means that even if investment markets had not tanked recently, the Heritage Fund would still be worth less next year than it was this year.

We are actually moving in the wrong direction.

The Alberta government has been floating our spending on a bubble fortified by oil and gas revenues. The thing about bubbles is that they eventually burst. And \$40/barrel oil is the start of a big crack in this bubble.

Unless the Stelmach government begins to understand just how serious of an issue this is and takes action immediately to begin to put money into the Heritage Fund, Albertans should start bracing for severe cuts in government spending, massive tax increases or a return to huge annual deficits.

Goodbye bubble means goodbye Alberta advantage.

Scott Hennig is the Alberta Director with the Canadian Taxpayers Federation

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#### REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday January 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

#### MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday December 17, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers

Wednesday January 7, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers

*The Town Office will be closed the second Friday of every month from Noon to 1:00 pm (January 9, 2009)*

### NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS:

HO 13-08	1913 - 12 Avenue	Home Tanning Facility	R2
DP 122-08	2153 - 25 Avenue	Add Secondary Suite	R2

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 403-335-3391. Person(s) wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on **December 30, 2008**.

*Robert Wigg, Development Officer*

### Rollout Cart Schedule December 2008

■ Black Bin ■ Green Bin

Sun	M	T	W	Th	Fr	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

### NOTICE TO "NEW PROPERTY" OWNERS

Supplementary Assessment  
& Property Tax Notices  
will be mailed before  
December 31, 2008.

### METER READING REMINDER

Please mark your Calendar

We will accept reads between the 21st and the 27th of each month. This can be done by fax, e-mail, telephone, mail, drop slot in office door or after hours on the answering machine.

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• **CHRISTMAS CRAFTS** - Hey parents do you have last minute shopping to do? Drop your kids at DNP on December 22 from 9-11:30am and they can finish their Christmas gifts too. Cost is \$15.00 includes Christmas treats, for ages 5 - 10.

• **BEGINNER CLOGGING CLASSES** - The Town of Didsbury is offering Beginner Clogging Classes in the Multi-Purpose Room. Wednesdays, January 7 - March 24 from 7 - 8pm. Cost is \$90.00+GST.

• **RAINBOWS** - Peer support group for children ages 6 - 13 dealing with a life altering crisis such as Death, Divorce and Separation. New session starting Jan 14.

For more info or to register, call DNP at 403-335-8719.

### TOWN OF DIDSBURY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Administration Office, Planning & Development & Public Works

December 23 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon

December 24 CLOSED

December 25 CLOSED

December 26 CLOSED

December 29-30 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

December 31 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

January 1 CLOSED

January 2 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Didsbury Neighborhood Place**

December 23 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

December 24 CLOSED

December 25 CLOSED

December 26 CLOSED

December 29-30 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

December 31 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

January 1 CLOSED

January 2 CLOSED

**Didsbury Aquatic Centre & Arena**

December 25 CLOSED

December 26 CLOSED

January 1 CLOSED

*Check out the full schedule on the website: [www.didsbury.ca](http://www.didsbury.ca)*

*The Town of Didsbury Mayor, Council and Staff wish you all  
a safe and happy Christmas Season.*



## Employment Opportunity

### TOWN OF DIDSBURY ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION

**Position:** Accounts Payable and Payroll Administrator

**Reports to:** Manager of Financial Services

#### Key Responsibilities:

- Maintenance of all accounts payable accounts.
- Maintenance and process bi-weekly payrolls.
- Provide back-up to the Tax and Utilities Officers as required.
- Typing of correspondence as required.
- Any other duties as designated by the Chief Administrative Officer or Manager of Financial Services.
- To be available to assist other Business Services staff whenever possible.

**Qualifications:**

- Some post-secondary education in accounting and payroll related courses would be beneficial.
- Diploma in Secretarial Arts or equivalent experience in a secretarial position.
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- Good working knowledge of computers and office equipment.

**Please send resume to:** Luana Smith  
PO Box 790  
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Fax: (403) 335-9794 or Email: [lsmith@didsbury.ca](mailto:lsmith@didsbury.ca)

**Deadline for applications is 4:00 p.m. December 19, 2008**

### NOTICE

#### Changes to Mixed Paper Recycling

The Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission has made some changes to what is accepted in the MIXED PAPER RECYCLING BINS at the Town of Didsbury Recycling Centre.

Waxed cartons and small food boxes are no longer accepted in the MIXED PAPER BINS.

The Waste Commission is adding a bin for waxed milk jugs.

For small boxes such as food packaging and cereal boxes they are to be recycled with the cardboard box bin.

Signs on the MIXED PAPER and CARDBOARD will be posted.

If you have any further questions please contact the Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission at 403-335-2005 or the Town of Didsbury 403-335-2030.

There will be no charge for Christmas tree disposal at all Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission transfer sites this season. Trees will be accepted at the Didsbury Landfill, Water Valley Transfer Site, Sundre Transfer Site and Olds Transfer Site. For more information, please call the Waste Commission at 403-335-2005.





## Holiday Train worth braving the cold

BY SABEEN AHMAD  
*Didsbury Review*

CPR's Holiday Train pulled into Didsbury on Saturday afternoon briefly warming up the small crowd that had gathered to see the train at the Didsbury Train Station in the below -30 C weather.

"It's pretty prestigious that Didsbury is even selected because it doesn't stop everywhere," said Didsbury's community services coordinator Nicole Aasen who added that this was the fourth time the train, which travels every two years, would be stopping in Didsbury with the last time being in 2006.

The decorated and lit up train hit the tracks on November 26 visiting over 100 communities, seven states and six provinces. The goal for the Holiday Train is to raise food, money and awareness for local food banks. To date, the train has been able to raise \$3 million and 1.6 mil-

lion pounds of food.

Along with bringing awareness the train brought along entertainment for locals to enjoy while it was stopped.

"It's great because residents get to enjoy the train but also our local food bank gets to take part and benefits," Aasen said regarding the donation the food bank would receive.

"It also benefits the local residents here because there are many locals here that use the Mountain View Food Bank," she said.

The train arrived at approximately 12:30 p.m. at the crossings between 15th Ave and 20th Ave. The show, facing 19th St., featured Johnny Reid and Tracey Brown and an appearance from Santa himself. Mayor Brian Wittal welcomed the Holiday Train into Didsbury and CPR presented a cheque for \$1,000 to the Mountain View Food Bank.

PHOTOS BY SABEEN AHMAD  
AND TIM DENOUSTEN



**HELLO DIDSBURY** - Canadian country recording artist Johnny Reid performs for the crowd.

**GIVING BACK** - The Mountain View Food Bank Society accepted a cheque for \$1,000.

**COOL CONCERT** - Crowds braved the cold to enjoy the concert at Didsbury Train Station.



**NEW** - New artwork promoting the 2010 Olympics gave train enthusiasts something new to see in daylight hours. **OLD** - In December 2006 the train arrived at night to show off its holiday cheer.





## Friday, December 5

1:51 a.m.: Complaint from the Didsbury rural area of a building being on fire. Members attended and knew the property owner. He stated he had a burner he was having trouble with. He had been burning garbage and it got out of control; no arson was suspected.

3:40 p.m.: Complaint from Didsbury of an abandoned vehicle in front of a local store. Caller said that person had parked the car and just walked away. Owner of the vehicle was contacted and it was found that the vehicle had died. Members had vehicle towed away.

3:45 p.m.: Report from Didsbury of a found government of Canada pension cheque. Members contacted the person whose name was on the cheque.

6:37 p.m.: Complaint of a single vehicle rollover on 15th Avenue, between Didsbury and Hwy. 2A. Single person was in the vehicle and was driving in icy conditions. Alcohol was not a factor and no charges were laid.

8:15 p.m.: Call from the Carstairs Memorial Arena. Sounds of fireworks being set off were heard and sound of banging on doors. Members patrolled the area and located several children and advised them not to bang on doors. Fireworks were the sounds of actual fireworks being set off for the Christmas celebrations in town.

8:30 p.m.: Call from the Mountain View County area from a male who had dialed 911. When he was put over to the police he hung up. The number was called back and male said he had dialed the number in error and refused to provide any information. Members found him to be very uncooperative.

9:51 p.m.: Call from a female stating that she was being held hostage at someone's house and then stated she was fine. When members got a hold of her again she was uncooperative and said she was at a location in Alberta and was having difficulty retrieving her property. When she threatened to call 911 she was given her property back with no problems.

10:26 p.m.: Complaint from Didsbury of a loud party. Members attended and advised partygoers that the town bylaw started at 11 p.m. and to shut things down.

11:09 p.m.: Report from a hotel in Carstairs that a person had her purse stolen. She had just put it down for a moment and it was gone.

## Saturday, December 6

3:11 p.m.: Complaint from Carstairs of structure fire. There were no occupants in the building. The fire department was on scene and reported to have found weapons in the basement. Members found BB guns. There was no suspicion of arson.

11:10 p.m.: Complaint from Hwy. 2A of an erratic driver. Members pulled over the vehicle at the Acme overpass and found the driver was unfamiliar with the area and had been crossing the centre lines.

12:55 p.m.: Call from a Carstairs drinking establishment. Approximately 15 people were outside yelling, screaming

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## Police briefs

BY SABEEN AHMAD  
Didsbury Review

and looking for a fight. A male was incredibly intoxicated and was looking to pick a fight with anyone. Members attended and the male was arrested.

2:50 p.m.: Report of a break and enter at a rural residence in the Didsbury area. People entered their home and there was missing property from the residence. This had happened prior to this incident and had been reported then too. This was the third event that was being reported. Resident was not locking their door.

## Sunday, December 7

1:05 a.m.: Call from Didsbury about a vehicle full of intoxicated people doing burnouts. Members attended and spoke with the owners of both the vehicles. It looked as though damage had been done to the vehicles. Owners both agreed that it was OK if there was damage or if they hit the vehicles because they were 'junk'. Both owners would not identify who were driving their vehicles.

4:30 a.m.: Complaint from Carstairs of an intoxicated male who had been drinking all day and was now passed out in the driveway of his home.

10:40 a.m.: Call from Hwy. 2 just before the Carstairs overpass. A truck was sitting on its roof. It had been heading northbound and lost control. No injuries were sustained.

12:05 p.m.: Call from the Water Valley area. A stop sign had been knocked down causing vehicles to almost get into accidents.

1:22 p.m.: Complaint from Carstairs of a two vehicle collision. No injuries occurred but one of the parties was upset and was requesting RCMP attendance.

7:15 p.m.: Call from Hwy. 2 of a two vehicle head-on collision. Southbound pickup truck crossed the centre median and hit oncoming vehicle. Icy conditions were a factor in accident and no alcohol was involved. Three passengers were in one vehicle and two sustained minor injuries and one had major injuries. The driver of the other vehicle was admitted with major injuries. Hwy. 2 was closed off at Hwy. 581 while the scene was cleaned.

## Monday, December 8

3:25 a.m.: Call from an individual that damage was done to his 'zoom boom' truck (construction equipment). Caller said he knew the person who had started truck and asked how they were able to start it since he had the key. He was told

that it was hot-wired. Truck had mechanical problems and caller was concerned that damage had been done to the truck.

9:45 a.m.: Call to Didsbury detachment reporting theft in the Dawson Creek area in B.C. There had been theft of some oil field equipment.

1:50 p.m.: Report from a hotel in Didsbury. Damage had been done to one of the rooms that had been rented out.

3 p.m.: Call from Didsbury to attend a residence. A child had a bad day at school and had detention. The child went home and was acting badly and his parents and grandparents requested to have members come out and settle the child down.

11:12 p.m.: Complaint from Carstairs of a gas and dash. Plate number provided did not match with any vehicles in system.

## Tuesday, December 9

1:24 p.m.: Complaint from Didsbury of a suspicious vehicle - a truck with antlers that had a key on the top of the truck. Caller thought that the vehicle was a hazard on the road.

1:28 p.m.: Complaint in rural area of a motor vehicle collision with a moose. The moose was heading southbound and vehicle came in its way. Moose charged at vehicle and then ran off.

9:05 p.m.: Report from Hwy. 22 of a person driving erratically and believed to be intoxicated. Members were unable to locate vehicle and no plate was obtained.

## Wednesday, December 10

8 a.m.: Call from a person who bought a motorcycle that they believed to have been stolen because the serial number was altered. Caller did not know the last name of the person they bought the bike from. This report is still under investigation.

11:39 a.m.: Complaint from Didsbury of a cow jumping over the fence. The neighbour of the owner would not help separate the cow from the herd. Owner said that cow was to be butchered and just wanted it to be shot where it stood. Owner of the cow would not go onto neighbour's property unless the RCMP was present.

3:20 p.m.: Complaint from an auto wrecker in Didsbury that items were stolen from the yard.

## Thursday, December 11

8:21 a.m.: Complaint from a school in Didsbury of two Rottweilers running loose in the parking lot.

**A Community Event**

A home cooked Christmas Dinner will be prepared for you on December 25th, 1 pm at the Didsbury Elks Hall. A day of fun, fellowship and food for everyone and anyone who is either alone or who would like somewhere to go on Christmas day.

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**Community Advent Service**  
Sunday, November 30 - 7:00 pm

**ZionKids Christmas Program**  
"Operation Baby King!"  
Sunday, December 14 - 10:45 am

**Seniors 65+ Christmas Luncheon**  
Saturday, December 20 - noon  
Tickets available at the church office.

**Christmas Drama**  
"Foolish Wivesman"  
Sunday, December 21 - 10:45 am

**Christmas Helpers Dates to Note**  
Gift Wrapping Sunday, December 21 - 7 pm  
Assembly/Delivery Monday, Dec. 22 - 10 am

**Candlelight Service**  
Wednesday, December 24 - 7:00 pm  
Come early and visit over a cup of hot apple cider.

**Christmas Dinner**  
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# Locals help 'Warm feet for the streets'

BY SABEEN AHMAD  
Didsbury Review

Lavone Attwood is doing her part this holiday season to keep the feet of those less fortunate a little warmer. Attwood has been collecting socks for the 'Warm Feet for the Streets,' project for close to 10 years in Didsbury.

"I used to live in Calgary (and was a member of The Mustard Seed) and when I moved out here I wanted to still do something for the Mustard Seed without having to drive into Calgary all the time."

Together with June Scott from Cremona and Attwood's sister Laverne Guertin they came up with "Warm Feet for the Streets."

The Mustard Seed is a non-profit organization that works to help out the less fortunate in the inner city of Calgary.

When Attwood first started the project, the response was not exactly what she was hoping for.

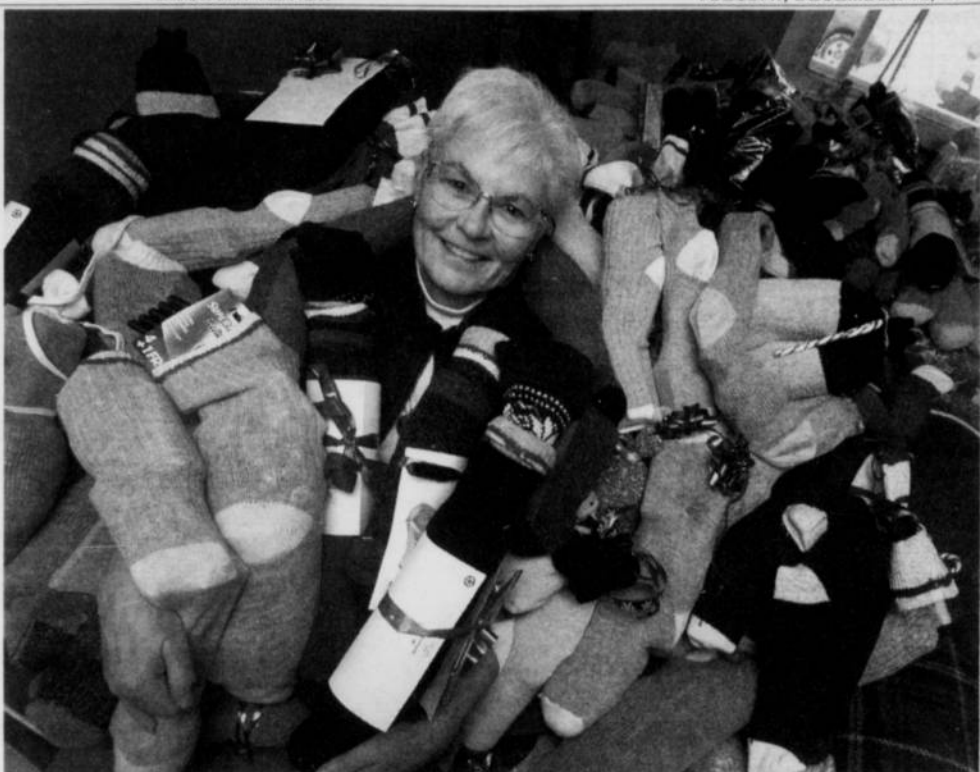
"It started out really disappointing...then I persevered," she laughs saying she may have had about five pairs delivered in the first year. "Then it went up to 15 and then it was just through word of mouth (that it kept growing)."

Last year's total that came in was 50 pairs of socks and that was the goal Attwood aimed for this year. "We've got about 130 pair this year...I was just astounded...my goal was 50," Attwood smiles.

This year Attwood advertised on the radio that she was collecting the socks rather than the usual paper insert because she missed the deadline.

"Usually I just put a blurb in the paper...this is better I think because it shows the response and the community involvement."

The town responded overwhelmingly, with the hospital workers getting together and challenging the different units to put together socks. In total the hospital ended up donating 70 socks stuffed with toothpaste,



Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

**WARM FEET FOR THE STREET** - Lavone Attwood of Didsbury has been gathering Christmas gift donations for distribution at the Calgary Mustard Seed for its Warm Feet for the Street program. This year the donations are at an all time high.

gloves, deodorant, soap, combs, razors and other necessities. Donations from other local residents added up to 130 pairs of socks.

The socks are expected to be delivered on December 23 in Calgary and Attwood is proud to see the town locals get together and donate for a good cause even if it isn't going towards something within the town.

"They all know they are going to the homeless in

Calgary...and they all have feelings when they deliver them they say it's the least we can do."

Attwood also feels that a project like this is great to get the whole family involved in getting packages together.

"It's the feeling behind it...the families all get involved and you know you are helping out people who have nothing or children who have nothing."

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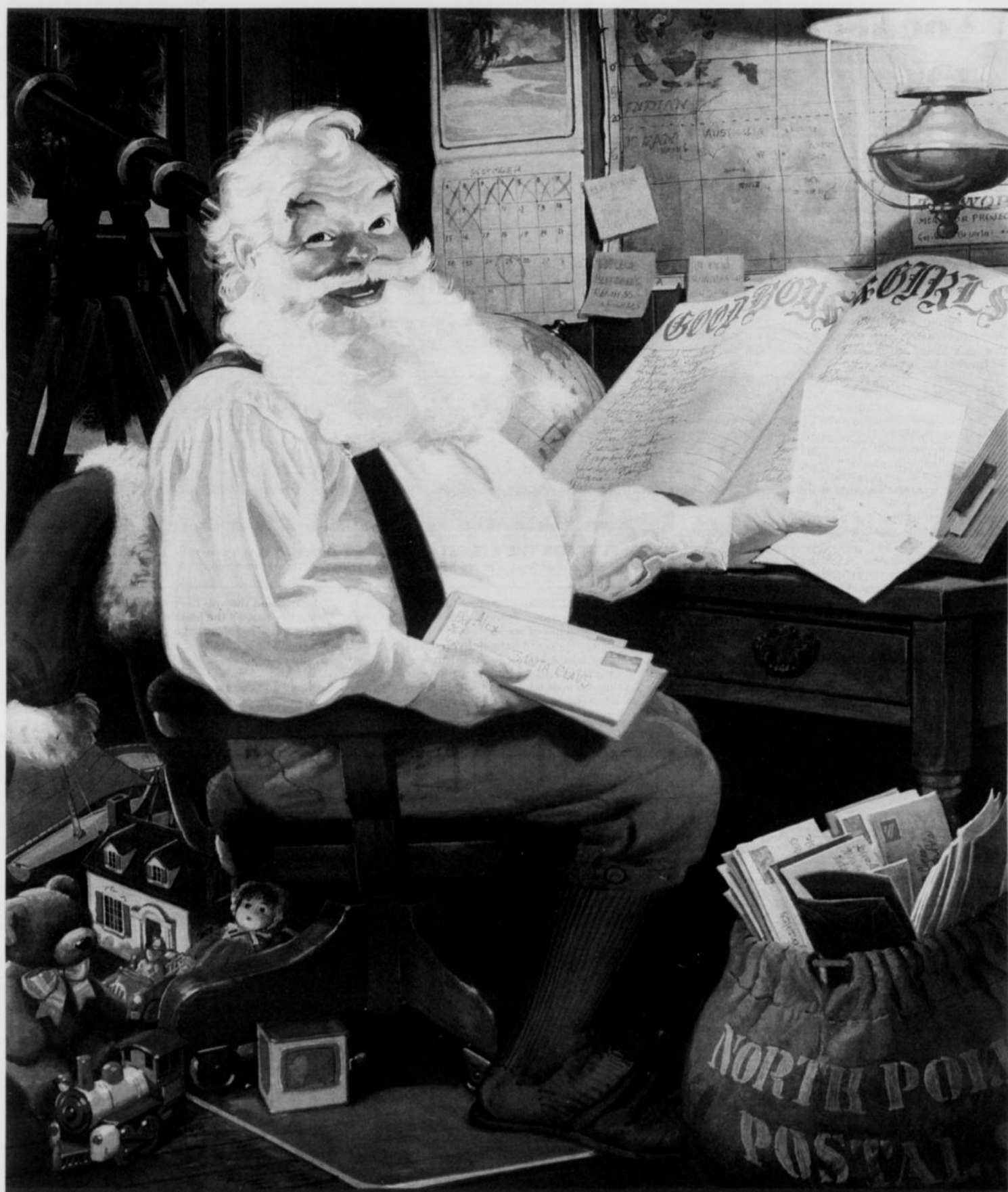
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**Christmas  
Greetings**

*Inside: Letters to Santa*

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# Letters to Santa

Ross Ford Elementary's Grade 1 and Grade 1/2 split classes wrote letters to Santa this year that are reprinted in this special Christmas supplement to the Didsbury Review. Because of space, not all letters were able to be printed and efforts will be made to print the remaining letters in upcoming editions of the Didsbury Review.

Dear Santa Claus  
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Dear Santa  
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Thank you  
Love, Madison Pugh

Dear Santa Claus  
How are the reindeer?  
Please bring me  
a pink es.  
Thank you! love  
Jaelyn Cameron

Dear Santa  
How is the reindeer?  
Please bring me  
a w. i. t. a. n. d. v. e. t. 2. 4.  
Thank you.  
Love Noah Campbell

Dear Santa  
How are the reindeer?  
Please bring me  
a m.  
Thank you!  
Sophia McLaughlin

Dear Santa  
How are you?  
Please bring me  
a w. i. t. a. n. d. v. e. t. 2. 4.  
Thank you  
Love, Thomas Duggan

Dear Santa  
How are you?  
Please bring  
me a w. i. t. a. n. d. v. e. t. 2. 4.  
Thank you  
Love, Zack DeBruin

Dear Santa  
How are you?  
Please bring me a bunny  
Thank you  
Love Holly Trepe



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from Darrell, Murray, Cheryl & Jennifer

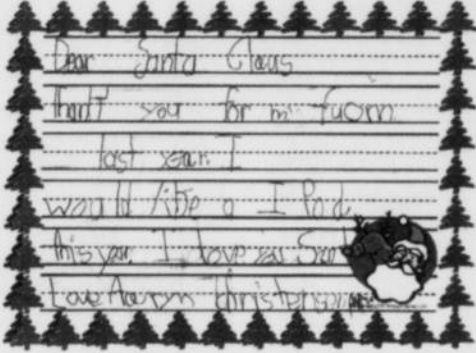
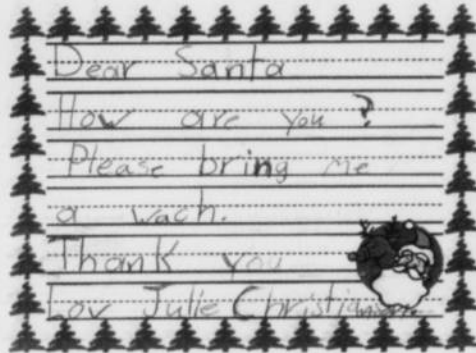
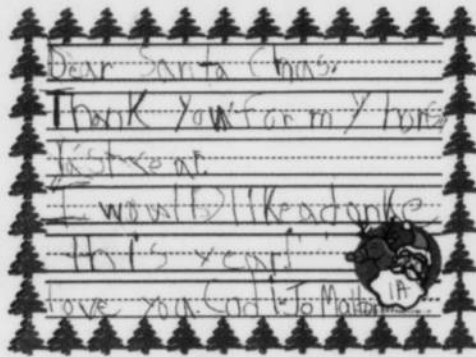
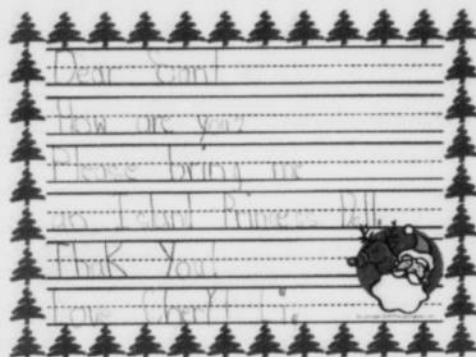
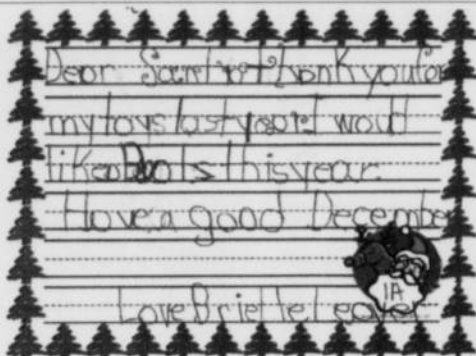
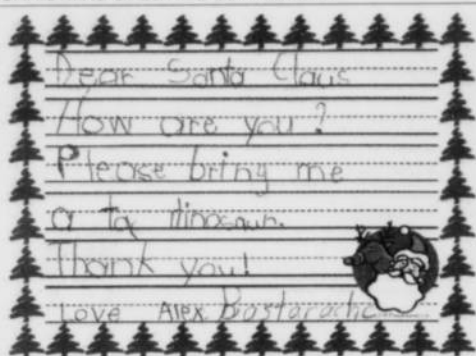
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Sherry & Staff  
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**With Best Wishes At Christmas**

To all our customers, neighbors and such,  
Your visits this year have meant so much to us!  
Your patronage, friendship and your kind attitude,  
Have given us lots of reasons for gratitude;  
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Our best wishes to you for a great holiday!

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**Merry Christmas**

**AG Foods**  
DIDSBURY  
From Management & Staff

Wishing everyone all the best this holiday season and throughout this very special New Year.  
Many thanks to all for your support and continued patronage!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

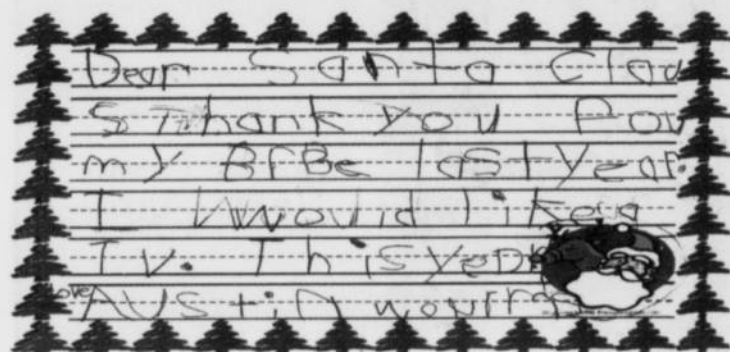
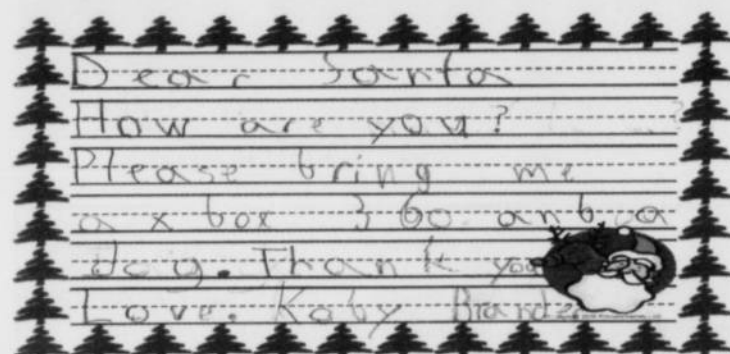
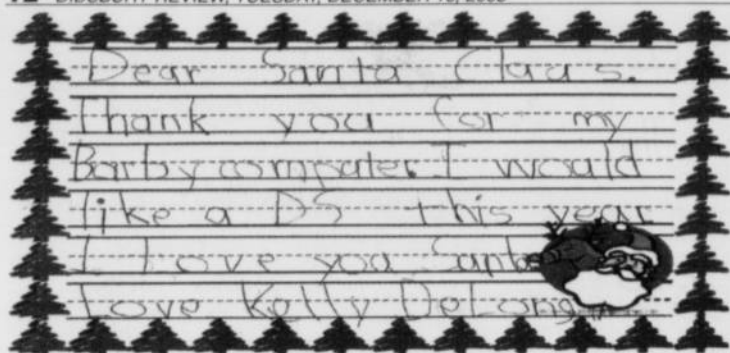

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& Jordan

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**Merry Christmas**

From:  
Dr. Kenneth J McCracken  
Dr. Ed Williamson  
and all the staff!

**DIDSBURY DENTAL CENTRE**  
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faith, the blessing of hope  
and the peace of His love  
at Christmas and always.

Margaret, Claude  
& All Our Staff

**Didsbury**

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Happy Holidays  
All the best for 2009  
Dennis, Mary, Corinna & all the staff



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LOVE,  
HEALTH,  
HARMONY,  
GOOD FORTUNE,  
PEACE ON EARTH

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We really appreciate your business. Thanks!

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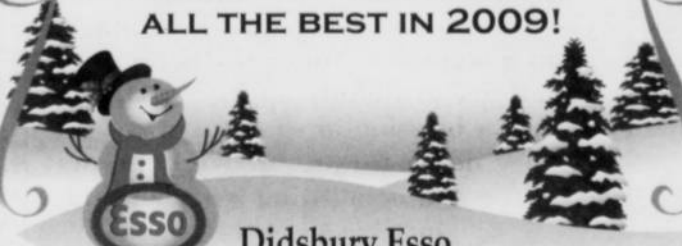
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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
ALL THE BEST IN 2009!**



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Dear santa

Thank you for my  
reindeer last year. Can  
you gift me a gett  
die yr pls.

I Love you santa.

Sierra



Dear Santa.

Thank you for the  
Reindeer last year. Can you  
Please gift me a Reindeer this year.  
Can you gift the Wild  
Cats a Reindeer.

Ethan Ross 13



Dear Santa.

Thank you for the pri  
ncess table last year.  
can you please give  
me a teluscuipo this  
year.

I love you Santa  
Love Madisyn



We Wish You  
A Warm &  
Joyous Christmas!

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"Glory to God in the  
highest, and on earth  
peace, good will  
toward men"

We'd like to join you and your family in  
singing His praises, as we share the  
spirit of this holy season

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behalf are gratefully appreciated, you  
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you give to others.  
Blessings to All!



Peace  
& Joy

We'd like to join you and your family in giving thanks for the  
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Dear Santa.  
 Thaq you For  
 the HotwELs  
 last yer.  
 can you plis  
 get me a ue  
 fixer I luv Santa  
 luv Toban

Dear Santa  
 Thacyr for The wii  
 you gave me last yer.  
 can you plis get me  
 a beh teh woth Theis  
 yer. doat forget to  
 come to my house santu ferum  
 Jacob M

Dear Santa.  
 Tharc you for my  
 hot wet last yer.  
 can you plis get  
 me a sturwar  
 transtourmr the yer.  
 Dont forget my house  
 Santa,  
 Love Logan M

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Merry Christmas  
 Gordie Reimer & Staff

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Management & Staff

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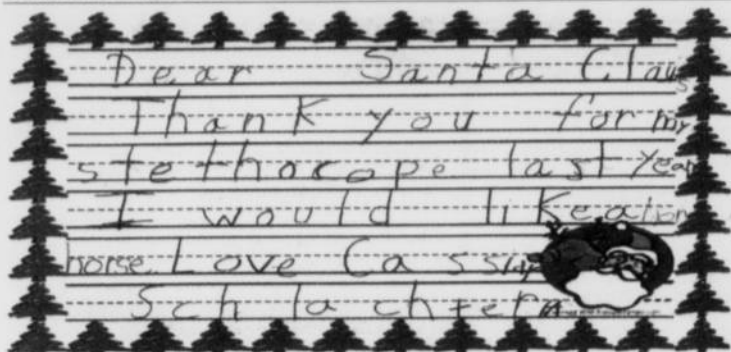
Celebrate an old-fashioned Christmas surrounded with the ones you love. Good tidings to all our fine patrons.

From the Board of Directors,  
 Management and Staff

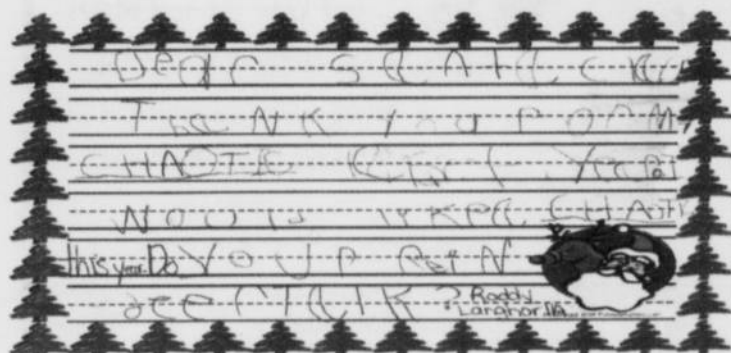
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We would like to thank you for your continued support.





Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for the  
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 can you please give  
 me a gonne bel  
 vus yr.  
 You Santa. Reign



### The First Christmas Tree

In 1510, Martin Luther, a founder of the Protestant faith, was walking through a Riga forest one evening. He came upon a fir tree whose branches glistened in the light of the moon and stars. Impressed by its beauty, he chopped down a smaller tree and took it home for his children. To recreate the moonlight, he fixed candles to the branches. With that the first decorated Christmas Tree in history was born.

story by: Kirst Tauris • Riga, Latvia

Everyone at For Trees would like to thank all of their customers in making their 9th season successful. We wish you a peaceful and joyful holiday and all the best in 2009!



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## MERRY CHRISTMAS



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Thanks to Everyone for your  
 support throughout the year.  
 Merry Christmas & Happy 2009  
 Sharon & Staff

## A Note of Thanks to Our Customers

When we think of all the faces we've come to know in the past few years, it gladdens our hearts and gives us much to celebrate this Christmas. So to all of you, who have given us so much joy, we offer our gratitude and best wishes for a very merry season.

From Joan, Barb & Marcie

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## Catch the Spirit of the Season

"For unto us a  
 child is born, unto  
 us a son is given"

Isaiah 9:6

Have a Blessed  
 Holiday Season!

Rod Neufeld & Allen Reed  
 & families

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Dear Santa  
 That you Santa for  
 my HALLOI gam  
 Santa you get me.  
 Can you please gif  
 me a white biulck  
 des y er. do I get my  
 hasees. santa 107  
 Connor. H

Dear santa  
 Tac you fuor the 10th  
 hwas last yre.  
 can you please giv  
 me a pone bed tigre  
 I love you santa.  
 From christyne

Dear Santa Claus  
 How are the reindeer?  
 Please bring me  
 a video game.  
 Thank you!  
 Love, Dilyn Shields

Dear Santa Claus  
 Thank you for my  
 Pokopon last ye. I  
 would like a Pokemon  
 this year. Love Brandon  
 Eat 10+ snf cookies



This year we're trimming our tree with  
 JOY  
 LOVE  
 PEACE  
 FAITH  
 HAPPINESS  
 FRIENDSHIP

We hope your holiday is enriched with these same treasured gifts.  
 Thanks for your kindness and support.

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Have a safe & happy  
 holiday season

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With best wishes and gratitude  
 from all of us to all of you.

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With You In Mind At  
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 May your hearts and homes be filled with all the joys of this season.

Thanks so much for all your support  
 Duncan, Glenda Milne & Family

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*Wishing Everyone a  
 Merry Christmas &  
 Happy New Year!*

From Dr. Jaffer & all the staff at dmc

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Dear Santa  
 Thac u fur The Bibiy  
 yu gevu me last yur  
 Can yu plisu givu me  
 a ds this yieu.  
 I Love you Santa.  
 Love Thalia.

Dear Santa Chris  
 Thank you for my forsen  
 I would like what  
 Kn/Dot this year  
 I Love you Santa.  
 Love for Doubneyla

Dear Santa  
 Thank you for my big  
 blue car let ipon  
 can you ples give me DS  
 tis ipon  
 don't for get my hours.  
 Love you  
 Love With Sock

Dear Santa let  
 Thank you for my  
 last year  
 I would like a  
 this year.  
 Love you Santa  
 Love Eli

Dear Santa  
 Theyw you for my  
 wir last urer.  
 can you ples get me  
 a Des th f ur.  
 har a savia saf Chit  
 Sata Love Chayce

Dear Santa  
 Thank you for my  
 last year  
 I would like a  
 this year  
 Love you Santa  
 Love Eli

Dear Santa  
 Theyw you for  
 my care last yur  
 can you pes git me  
 genrl grevis apod the  
 yer.  
 dot for git my hes  
 Santa  
 love Eli

Dear Santa Chris  
 Thank you for my  
 toy last year. I  
 would like a  
 bell This year  
 How is Rudolph

Dear Santa  
 thec you four the  
 neclis you gav me  
 last year.  
 Can you ples giv me  
 a ds this year  
 don't fr get my hows  
 love Kiyu

WISHING YOU A WARM AND  
 HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON  
 AND A PEACEFUL AND  
 PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

From the management and staff

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 Holiday  
 Season.

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Kathy & Keir

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Shepherds in the fields also came to give gifts to the newborn baby Jesus.


Everything changed when Clement Clarke Moore wrote the story/poem 'Twas the night before Christmas in 1822. This story quickly became the most popular poem throughout the world, and children learned in it that Santa Claus brought gifts on Christmas Eve, and they started expecting Santa to bring them gifts as well. Children especially would look for gifts in their stockings hung up to dry by the fireplace.



*As He gave His life  
out of love for us ...  
May we live each day  
out of love for Him.*

**Merry Christmas**

From the volunteers at  
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Christmas Message from  
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I hope to see you there, and share some Christmas Cheer with you!

Blake Richards, MP  
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[blake@blakerichards.ca](mailto:blake@blakerichards.ca)

A Christmas candle is a lovely thing;  
It makes no noise at all,  
But softly gives itself away;  
While quite unselfish, it grows small.

- Eva K. Logue



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The Didsbury District Health Services Palliative Care Committee would like to thank all those who purchased a bulb to help us light up our Tree of Hope. The committee would like to thank the Rosebud Health Foundation, D.D.H.S Maintenance Department, A.G. Foods, Didsbury View, Didsbury Pharmasave, Value Drugs, Home Hardware, Carol Gorsline, Doreen Gebers Victoria's Flowers, R. W. Electric and 96.5 CK-FM for their support and assistance in our campaign.

Thank you to everyone that came to our Tree of Hope Lighting Ceremony.

## A GREETING OF HOPE....

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Romans 15:13

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a toty hors this yer.  
hav a sof trip unto Lovesday

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Thank you for the cool  
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me a hotwels set  
this yer.  
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# Golden globes and other Christmas delights

JOYCE HOEY



There are aromas and visual freeze-frames that arise for me with the coming of the Christmas season.

One obvious item in our homes and stores is the arrival of the Christmas oranges. Either the Mandarin or Japanese orange has long been a part of the Christmas season in my family.

As a child, I recall each of us finding a special orange in the toe of our stocking, along with a few hard, sweet candies, mixed nuts and a small toy.

The acrid scent as my thumbnail dug into that soft orb, the stinging residue as it oozed into any cuts, the tingle on the tongue as I sucked the stickiness from my fingers, and then gently peeled back the loose rind: it all became a carefully observed ritual.

My elder brother always removed the entire white inner layer from his orange sections. It was almost like a puzzle, patiently removing strand by strand, without bursting the tender skin beneath. Each portion he then tasted and digested judiciously: a true connoisseur. I have since watched aghast as others tear into this rare treat like ravenous dogs, teeth bared. Our oranges were doled out evenly; there weren't that many to go around. Sadly, the joy of experiencing the fruit of the season has faded with today's abundance.

The Christmas candies that Mom bought for the stockings were special treats too. These were of the candy-cane type, rock-hard, with stripes or floral designs in the middle. They soon left small cuts on the tongue, a good indication that we'd had enough.

My grandmother had a favourite fudge recipe that she

prepared at Christmastime. I made it with her many times and later for my own children.

It never turns out exactly the same. The recipe is a short list of ingredients, with simple instructions that say "boil till softens and makes a soft ball." That tells you a lot! You are expected to know to remove a little with a spoon and drop it into a cup of ice water. Then you stick your fingers in the ice water and try to form a soft ball—how soft? How long should that take? The next instruction says "remove from fire." I know Grandma cooked over a wood-burning stove. What temperature would that translate to with my electric stove? I also know to stir constantly; a novice will likely end up with a scorched or hardened mass of chocolate in the bottom of the pan. I know too that she always began with a large, heavy saucepan.

Of course, none of this information is included with the recipe. My grandmother had little education and like many cooks of her generation, measured by the pinch, handful or "size of an egg" terminology. If they were asked how much of a certain ingredient to use, the response was "just enough" or "until it feels right."

That generation learned their cooking skills at their mother's elbow with close verbal directions. They learned by experience and repetition and that was all they needed to know.

My mother, with six hungry farm kids, seemed to be always mixing up bread dough or baking pies and cookies. I remember a frequently offered cookie called jam-jams. It had soft, brown sugar dough that Mom fancied up with great imagination. A few chocolate chips, pressed into each cookie, not dumped wastefully into the whole batch, made a great treat. Sometimes these cookies appeared in the form of thimble cookies—a

thumbprint hollow in each filled with homemade jam. Another version included a few chopped dates for variety and extra softness.

Mom also made a crisp sugar cookie, which she rolled thin and then let us cut shapes into the dough; we had a collection of metal cookie cutters. I recall a Christmas tree, a candy cane and possibly Santa Claus. Always, in Mom's kitchen, there was a lot of loved stirred into the mixture.

Everyone had their own traditions for Christmas. We had visited with a family in the Brooks area who introduced us to an old-fashioned taffy pull. They made a huge pot of taffy, soft and buttery and we all got into stretching and shaping the sticky, sweet mass. With their seven kids and our six it had to go a long way.

One of my Peace River neighbours included me and my boys in making a gingerbread cookie from her Mennonite tradition, quite different from mine. The dough was rich and heavy and the entire family rolled long strips, about the width of a thumb. The process reminded me of the plasticine snakes we used to create in grade school. These thick cords were cut into small candy-sized pieces and baked. They emerged hard and sweet. Dawn's culture gave these tidbits the name pepper nuts and they were eaten like candy.

Other friends recall special sweet breads or pies made only for holiday celebrations. One household produces a nuts and bolts mixture; one always had homemade caramel corn with pecans.

Whatever the treat, the memories and bonds formed in childhood at the kitchen counter and around the family table leave an indelible imprint on each of us. Hopefully we in turn pass on some of that tradition and a whole lot of love.

## Christmas ball tradition endures

The first Alsations to decorate a Christmas tree did so with apples. The tree symbolized the Garden of Eden and they would recreate the famous scene where Adam and Eve bite into the fruit.

However, one year, the harvest was so meagre that sacrificing precious food was out of the question.

To keep the tradition going, a glassblower replaced the apples with apple-sized glass balls. The tradition of Christmas balls was born. From there, the custom spread across Europe.

The best artisans would try to outdo each other. Blown glass balls, hand painted balls, or balls covered in lace, the imagination and the styles were endless.

Subsequently, other decorations were added to the

Christmas tree. Sweets, shortcakes, candles, dry fruit, nuts, small toys, and any bright objects were used to fill the branches. A large star was also placed at the top of the tree to epitomize the Star of Bethlehem that guided the Wise Men to Baby Jesus.

Today, Christmas tree decorations are no longer edible. However, the big stores, just like the ancient artisans, rival each other to offer the most beautiful and original decorations.

Many centuries after its creation, the Christmas ball remains the basis for the most beautifully decorated Christmas trees, proving that this tradition is meant to endure.





# Sports

## Dragons finish second

BY ANDREW WILD  
For the Review

Despite the arrival of a cold snap, the Didsbury High Dragons continued to be hot on the basketball court.

The local school finished second at its own invitational tournament on the weekend, the Dragon Classic, winning two of three games played.

Eventual champions Olds High School inflicted the only loss on the Dragons who beat Carstairs in the tournament opener 78-44 before losing to OHS 69-67.

The Dragons recovered with a 119-50 demolition of Coronation in their final game of the tournament.

Coach Ian Bates said considering it was

only the team's second action of the young season, the team played quite well.

He pointed to three players in particular for leading the charge over the weekend.

"Players that stood out for us were Landon Poffenroth, who plays post and is our key guy on offence, Justin Code who plays guard and runs the offence and Nolan McInnis who plays guard and is a three-point threat," Bates offered.

The game against Olds, although ultimately going the way of the Spartans, was a thriller that featured several lead changes in the last two minutes, he explained.

Next up for the Dragons before the Christmas break is a league date on Wednesday at DHS against Cremona.

## Grizzlys win three straight

BY ANDREW WILD  
For the Review

Even with Christmas around the corner, the Olds Grizzlys weren't in a giving mood last week.

The local junior A squad swept all three road games, moving them temporarily into third place in the AJHL's South Division.

Consecutive wins over the Calgary Royals, Canmore Eagles and Okotoks Eagles moved the Grizzlys to 19-15-2 on the season and followed a streak where they had won only three of 10 games.

With four straight home games this week before the Christmas break, the team will be looking to put a solid grip on their position in the standings.

Last week's games started with a tight 4-3 win over the basement dwelling Calgary Royals.

Brance Orban, Carey Koroluk, Sean Neumeier and Wade Bergman scored for

the locals.

The next night they traveled into the Bow Valley and came away with a 3-2 win over the Eagles.

Goals from Shadon Stoodley, Bergman and Orban provided the offence for the Grizzlys while Marc Boulanger stopped 38 shots for the win.

On Friday night in Okotoks, the Grizzlys continued their mastery of the South Division leaders, winning their fourth in five outings with the Oilers.

Wade Bergman's goal in overtime provided the margin of victory for the Grizzlys and completed their sweep of all the week's games.

Chad Berghund, Matt Marantz and Curtis deBruyn also scored for the Grizzlys while Boulanger picked up his second straight win in the nets.

The team now turns its attention to the four inter-division games it plays between Tuesday and Sunday.



Sabeen Ahmad/Didsbury Review

**A SHOT OF MANY** - Andrew Peterson of the Didsbury Dragons takes a shot at the basket against Coronation during the DHS Dragon Classic over the weekend.

### What you need to know about

## fire safety during the holiday season

The holiday season is a time for celebrating with family and friends. Keep your home safe from fire with these tips:

- Keep candles in a sturdy holder away from children, pets and combustible materials. Blow them out before leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of kitchen fires.
- Alcohol and fire are a dangerous mix. Drink responsibly when cooking.
- Space heaters need space; ensure at least one metre of clearance from things that can burn like curtains, clothing and furniture.
- Make sure you have working smoke alarms on all levels of your home.

A message from your local fire department and the Government of Alberta. For more information about holiday fire safety, visit [www.aema.alberta.ca](http://www.aema.alberta.ca) or call toll-free 310-0000 then dial 780-422-9000.

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## CITIZENS ON PATROL

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**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** - Membership meetings are the 2nd Wed. in June, September, November, and January. For more info please call 403-335-3265.

**DIDSBURY TOPS** Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 403-335-4487 or Rosemary at 403-335-2835.

**BEAVERS** Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

**TIME OUT** Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Didsbury Neighbourhood Place, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Call 403-335-4270.

**KING HIRAM LODGE #21** has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

**ST. HILDA CHAPTER #27 O.E.S.** Has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. Call Marg Steckler at 403-335-4281.

**DIDSBURY SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES** Co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 403-335-4391.

**DIDSBURY SHUTTLE BUS** Scheduled transportation for anyone on Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays 9 - 3. Please call day prior or by 8:00 a.m. for pick up. 403-507-0208. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by the Didsbury Lions Club.

**DIDSBURY ELKS LODGE** Supper Meeting - 4th Thursdays. Regular Meeting - 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month. Call 335-4676 for info.

**LEARNING DISABILITIES MTN** View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 403-335-3174.

**DIDSBURY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC** - Provides free accessible mental health services. Which incl. assessments, individual family & group counselling &

crisis intervention. Mon. - Fri. 8:30-4:00.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** Meetings Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Colleen at 403-335-8484 or Rick at 403-335-9525.

**HALL RENTALS: Rosebud Hall** rentals. Call 403-335-9945 or 403-335-4606.

**RUGBY HALL RENTALS CALL** Della @ 403-335-8767, for meetings, family events or reunions.

• **5-0 Club Hall Rentals.** For Hall rentals &/or info regarding the hall please call Joyce Schumaker 403-335-2861. • To Rent **Didsbury Elks Hall.** Call Ray Vipond. 403-335-8082. • To Rent **St. Cyprian's Anglican Church Hall,** contact Myrna Watt 403-335-3745. • To Rent the **Lone Pine Hall,** which is located east of Didsbury, contact Jo-Anne Hannah at 403-335-4190. • To Rent **Mountain View Community Hall** for meetings, community events, family or group reunions call John 403-335-8860. • The **Fallen Timber Community Hall** offers an ideal place for quiet safety meetings or fabulous social activities. Please contact Esther McMullen for info at 403-637-2270.

**SHARE A LITTLE MAGIC, YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** Spend one hour a week with a child at school. Have fun together - play games, shoot some hoops, draw, read or do crafts. Mentoring works! Call Mountain View Mentoring at 403-586-0110. Volunteers needed in Carstairs, Cremona, Didsbury, Olds & Sundre. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Innisfail.

**DIDSBURY LIFELINE** Emergency Response System - Shirley 403-

335-3787, Don 403-335-4676.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW CHORALERS** invite you to sing with us 7 p.m. Mondays at the 5-0 club, 2500 15 Ave. 36th

**DIDSBURY ROYAL PURPLE #317** Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., 2nd Wednesday of each month. For info call Karen Smith 403-556-7331

**ALANON:** For family and friends of alcoholics. Alice 403-556-5911, Reg 403-337-3762.

**DIDSBURY AND AREA SUPPORT GROUP** For friends and families of people with Alzheimer's Disease and

forms of dementia. Join us the last Monday of each month, 7-9 p.m. Aspen Ridge Lodge, 1100 - 20 Ave., Didsbury. 403-335-9848. Dolina Watson, 403-335-7285.

**DIDSBURY & DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES AUXILIARY** monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Unit 4 at the hospital.

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS** 12-Step group for Compulsive Overeaters meets on Thursdays at 7 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Anglican church, 130 Albert St., Airdrie. For more information call Deb at 403-948-0563 or Frankie at 403-335-3633.

**3025 RCACC Didsbury** Army Cadets Youth 12-18 Monday 6:30 - 9:30. Downstairs Victoria Square Mall 403-559-8801.

**ADULT HALL WALKING** at Westglen School from 6:30pm to 7:30pm from Monday to Friday. Also free blood sugar testing on Mondays. For more information call Cindy at 403-335-9437.

**DIDSBURY MUSEUM** OPEN 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tues and Wed. Sat. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. By appointment: Joan 403-335-6644 or Shirley 403-335-3277

**DIDSBURY & DISTRICT** Community bus. Call Jan to book your trip. 403-335-3052. Competent drivers.

**DIDSBURY YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE'S** meetings are held the first Monday of each month. All persons interested in volunteering and helping to work with the youth in our community are encouraged to come. For location and time please call 403-335-1975.

## MIDWAY COMMUNITY WALKERS

Midway School will be open to anyone that would like to walk inside for exercise without the winter elements. Open every school day 7:30-8:30am. For more info call 403-337-2888.

**PARENT LINK CENTER** Drop in play. FREE Playtime for Parents and Preschoolers (newborn to 6 yrs). Morning, afternoon and evening playtimes available at Didsbury Neighbourhood Place, bay 2, 2030 17 ave. contact Linda 403-586-5466

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**BABY DROP IN** starting in September @ Didsbury Neighbourhood Place from 9:30 to 11:30 on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Thursday of the month. A great opportunity to have your baby weighed, talk to a public health nurse & meet other new parents of babies.

**DIDSBURY MUSEUM** will be closing for tours on September 30 to allow us to do electrical work throughout the building. However, our office will remain open during the winter months for business and research on Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 10:00am - noon and 1pm - 4pm.

**CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER** 1p.m. at the Didsbury Elks Hall. A day of fun, fellowship and food for everyone and anyone who is either alone or would like somewhere to go on Christmas Day. Please contact either Donnelly at 403-335-8299 or Ursula at 403-335-0014 if you need more information. No Charge! 51-52

**BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP** - Sometimes it's hard to have a Merry Christmas. Grieving? Broken relationship? Job loss? Illness? Lonely? We need space and time to acknowledge this, and to know we are not alone. 7:00 p.m. December 22nd, Knox United Church in Didsbury. 403-335-8373.

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## Church Directory

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### Anglican Church of Canada

#### St. Cyprian's

2037 - 24th Ave. Didsbury - 335-4664

Rector - Bev Bonnie S. Luft

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

Mid-week service every third Wednesday 9:30 a.m.

St. Cyprian's is a small, friendly Christian

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Sunday School will start back in September.

### Knox United Didsbury

1406 - 19th Avenue

Minister Nancy Nourse

Please join our church family for worship,

10 a.m. each Sunday.

Nursery Care available for infants and toddlers.

Sunday school provided for ages 3-17.

For information about mid-week programming for

children, youth and adults please call 335-8373 or

see our website at [www.knox-united.com](http://www.knox-united.com).

### West Zion Mennonite Church

South of Didsbury to sign - West 1.5 miles

Pastor Trevor Kriaka, info - 337-2020

Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

Nursery available during service.

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### Bergthal Mennonite Church

Didsbury, Alberta

5km S of the Didsbury Overpass,

8km E on Bergthal Rd.

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service - 11 a.m.

Pastor: Elwin Garland

For more information ph. - 335-4451

### Redeemer Lutheran

LUTHERAN CHURCH CANADA

1500 - 23 ST. • Rev. Robert Mohns

Church: 335-3161 / Res: 335-3656

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. • Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion 1 & 3 Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Jr. & Sr. Youth, Women's & Seniors' Ministry Group

Small Group Bible Study meetings

throughout the week.

### Mountain View Evangelical

Missionary Church

14 km East of Didsbury Pastor Art Numan

Office: 335-4422

Morning Worship 11 a.m. • Sunday School 10 a.m.

For information concerning the weekly activities

please call the Church Office.

### St. Anthony's Catholic

2030 - 24 Ave. Didsbury

For more information please contact

Claude Baril - 335-3842

Catholic Women's League:

Wendy MacKenzie 335-8507

Knights of Columbus: Gary McNeil - 335-8611

### Chinook Winds Christian Centre

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SUNDAY CELEBRATION - 10 a.m.

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### Zion Evangelical Missionary Church

Corner Hwy. 582 & 20th Ave.

Phone: 403-335-3629 Web: [www.zemc.org](http://www.zemc.org)

Mike Morgan, Senior Pastor

John Reimer, Associate Pastor

(Life Groups & Worship)

Colin Creighton, Associate Pastor

(Global Connections & Youth)

Alison Lefebvre, Director of Youth Ministries

Christine Little, Director of Children's Ministries

Sunday Services

Sunday School for all ages 9:30am

Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

...with Children's Programs for up to Grade 6

## Didsbury Christmas services

### Bergthal Mennonite Church

Sunday, Dec. 14 and Dec. 21 - Advent service 11 a.m.

Wed. Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve service 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 25 - morning service 11 a.m. Dinner to follow.

### Redeemer Lutheran Church

Sunday, Dec. 21, Monday, Dec. 22, Tuesday, Dec. 23 Live

nativity pageant 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve service 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 25 - Christmas morning service 10:30 a.m.

### St. Cyprian's Anglican Church

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve services 4:30 p.m. and

7:30 p.m. (candlelight).

### St. Anthony's Catholic Church

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - Mass will be celebrated in the Multi-

purpose Room at the Didsbury Memorial Complex at 8 p.m.

### Zion Evangelical Missionary Church

Sunday, Dec. 14 - Zion Kids Christmas program 10:45 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 20 - seniors' (65+) Christmas luncheon; tick-

ets at the church office.

Sunday, Dec. 21 - Christmas drama 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - candlelight service 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 25 - Christmas dinner at the Elks Hall 1 p.m.

### Knox United Church

Monday, Dec. 22 - "Blue Christmas" 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - Stories and Carols 7 p.m. Candles and

Communion 9 p.m.

### Mount View Evangelical Missionary Church

Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. candlelight service and communion



## SEE YOU IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY



Sunday, Dec. 14  
to Saturday,  
Dec. 20

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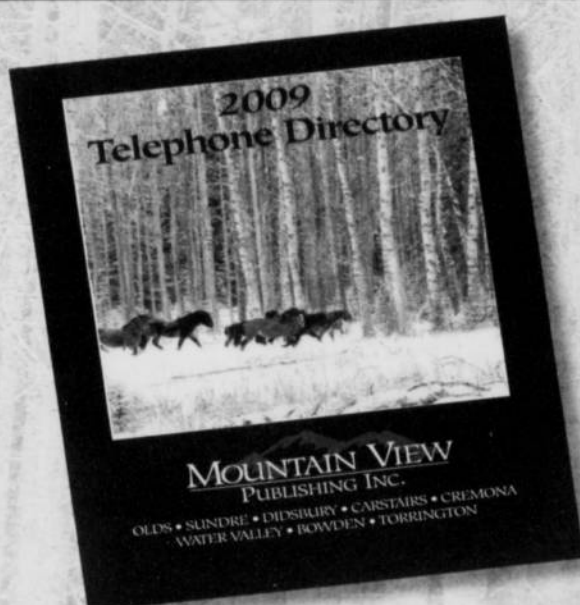
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180. Thank You 180. Thank You 300. Lost & Found

The family of Leonard Papke would like to give sincere thanks to Dr. Smit and the staff of Unit 1 Long Term Care for the wonderful care given to Leonard. We would also like to thank Pastor Robert Mohs for the service and the Redeemer Lutheran Ladies for the wonderful lunch. Thanks to all the relatives and friends for the food, calls, cards and donations.

Duane & Sue Papke  
Bruce & Mylene Papke  
Cheryl & Rick Hessler  
Brian Papke & families

**LOST: COPPER BRASS** swirl pendant with a few rhinestones on the front with swirls of red-brown colour. Necklace is of multi strands of cord in beige and brown shades. Lost in the snow in front of the Anglican Church on Sunday Dec. 7th, 2008. It is of great sentimental value. If you have found this please call Margo at 403-556-5201

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# Babies of 2008

to be published in **DIDSBURY REVIEW** Tuesday, January 27, 2009

Mom, Dad, Grandma or Grandpa...if your child or grandchild was born any time in 2008, don't miss this opportunity to show off the latest addition to your family in The Didsbury Review's 2008 Baby Register.

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In loving memory of my grandson  
**Kelly Christiansen** who  
passed away December 15, 1991  
Gone are the days we used to share  
But in our hearts you're always there  
The gates of memory will never close  
We miss you more than you know  
*Loved and sadly missed*  
*Grandma Milne*

**DARREN JOSEPH LAVECK**  
of Innisfail, Alberta  
Passed away on December 5,  
2008, at the age of 39 years.



It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Darren Joseph Laveck. With heavy hearts we remember the years of Darren's life. January 5th, 1969 he entered the world to begin his journey. He spent the majority of his life in Didsbury, Ab, where he fostered life long friendships. His love of sports and the outdoors was a passion he developed very early on. Hockey was his first love affair and he spent many years enjoying the competition, camaraderie and locker room heckling. An avid ball player, Darren also spent his life involved with community ball. He started his ball career as his Dad's bat boy and continued on to play in various leagues. Ball and camping went hand in hand and Darren enjoyed cooking for his friends and family. It was never hotdogs or burgers as he would only settle for barbecued steak and fancy shishcabobs. Hunting and fishing were hobbies that Darren truly lived for. From his early years of gopher snaring all the way to his recent joy of bow hunting, this was simply how Darren loved to spend his time. Good friends and company, good food and drink: the hunting season was Darren's favorite time of year. He was also a proud father who adored his daughter Megan and we are grateful that his legacy will continue. We miss you dear Son, Grandson, dear Brother, Nephew, Uncle, Cousin, very dear Father and numerous dear Friends. Rest in peace. Darren is survived by: Megan Laveck, Beloved Daughter; Shirley Madge, Mother; Stan & Yvonne Laveck, Father / Step Mother; Greg & Angie Laveck (Jett & Maddox), Brother / Sister in law (Nephews); Cheri & Scott Sinclair (Brayden & Shayla), Sister / Brother in law (Nephew & Niece) Joyce Laveck, Grandmother; Florence Morelli & Lloyd Hetherthier, Grandmother / Step Grandfather; Anne Madge, Grandmother; Lee St.Germain (Cole), Special friend. Darren was Pre Deceased by Grandfathers Joseph Laveck & Gordon Madge. A memorial service was held at the Didsbury Zion Evangelical Missionary Church, on Friday, December 12, 2008. Memorial tributes may be made to Center for Suicide Prevention or STARS. Condolences to the family may be forwarded from [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com). Arrangements were entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Didsbury. Phone 403-335-4773. Proudly serving our community for over 45 years.

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# POTLUCK SUPPER

**Rosebud Community Hall**  
Sunday December, 21, 2008  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**SANTA WILL VISIT!**

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**FULL-TIME TRUCK DRIVER REQUIRED**  
Must be non-smoker. Wage or contract negotiable. Please fax resume to **403-335-3453** Feeg's Propane Didsbury

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Estate of **Leonard P.F. Papke**  
If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by Jan. 1, 2009 and provide details of your claim with **Bruce Papke, RRT, Site 8, Box 13, Olds AB T4H 1P2.** If you do not file by the date above, the estate property can lawfully be distributed without regard to any claim you may have.

1005. Help Wanted

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Thank you for applying, only those selected for an interview will be contacted

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5:30 Cocktails • 7:00 Supper  
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Advance tickets only!

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**St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church**  
**Christmas Eve Mass**  
**8:00 p.m.**  
at Multi-Purpose Room  
Didsbury Memorial Complex  
Contact Gary & Teresa McNeil  
**403-335-8611**



We'd like to congratulate  
**Sarah Thompson**  
on her graduation from the  
University of Alberta, Nov.  
2008. Receiving her Bachelor  
of Arts.  
**Good Work!!**  
Love Mom, Dad, Luke, Erin,  
Russ, Adam, Chelsie & Myrik

5110. Houses For Rent

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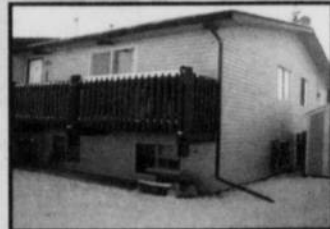
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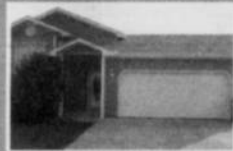
Beautiful design, 3 bedroom  
duplex, main floor laundry,  
1414 sq. ft. with full ensuite.



#### COMPLETE RENO

\$259,800

Completely refinished and  
remodelled 4 bdrm, 2 bathroom  
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Carstairs. 24' x 24' dbl detached  
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Close to Didsbury High School.



#### SUNDRE ACREAGE

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covered deck with large  
open design.

### Merry Christmas

We at CIR Realty,  
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Carpenter Team,  
would like to take  
this opportunity to  
wish you all a  
Merry Christmas.

We trust that  
with the great  
celebrations  
and festivities,  
you and your  
families will  
remember  
the Birth of  
Jesus this  
Christmas  
season.

"I bring you good news of great joy for  
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Walk-out basement, 1214 sq. ft.,  
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backing onto the pond in the  
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